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11. (SBU) Post delivered reftel demarche to various contacts in the MFA and Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade. Alejandro Alvargonzalez San Martin, who covers Iran in the MFA's Office of Bilateral Economic Relations with Developing Countries, told Econoff November 3 that he fully agreed with our demarche and was not aware of any plans by any GOS agency to send a representative to the November 30 International Conference on Nuclear Power Plants, Environment, and Sustainable Development hosted by Iran.

12. (SBU) Francisco Arana Landa, Deputy Director General for Nuclear Energy at the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, and Trade (MITyC) told Esthoff that MITyC has no plans to send a representative to the Iran meeting. After following up with MFA, Arana reported that MFA is also not planning to send anyone. On November 4, Carlos Torres, Counselor for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament at the MFA, likewise confirmed that Spain would not be attending. AGUIRRE